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TWO KC-NORTH MEN PLEAD GUILTY IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., defendants pleaded guilty in federal court today to participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Scott Brewer, 29, and **Dana Ardry**, 34, both of Kansas City-North, pleaded guilty in separate appearances before U.S. Magistrate Judge John T. Maughmer this morning to participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. **Brewer** also pleaded guilty to identity theft.

Brewer and **Ardry** both admitted to their roles in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine from Jan. 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004.

Police seized nearly 62 grams of methamphetamine and a Smith & Wesson .40-caliber handgun from **Brewer**, Graves said. **Brewer** also admitted that he used a means of identification of another person to cash numerous counterfeit checks at various retail stores. The total amount of counterfeit checks, including those cashed and those seized by police before being cashed, was \$51,572. **Brewer** agreed to forfeit to the government \$1,081 that was seized from his hotel room, which he admitted was proceeds of and facilitated the drug conspiracy.

Ardry admitted that he distributed methamphetamine on a number of occasions and allowed methamphetamine manufacturing to occur at his house on two occasions in exchange for a share of methamphetamine. **Ardry** also admitted that he was in possession of a Titan .22-caliber revolver.

Under federal statutes, **Brewer** could be subject to a sentence of up to 35 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1,250,000. **Ardry** could be subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1 million. Sentencing hearings will

be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City Metro Meth Task Force, the U.S. Secret Service, and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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